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DOMESTIC PARTNER AUTHOR HAILS COURT RULING AFFIRMING LAW

Migden Calls Domestic Partner Ruling "Gold Standard"

Sacramento, CA—Senator Carole Migden (D-San Francisco/North Bay) hailed yesterday's California Supreme Court action upholding the state's domestic partner law. That law, developed over a series of legislative enactments, began with the Migden-authored AB 26 in 1999.

Migden said: "This court action makes our state's law the gold standard. It is unquestionably the law of the land that domestic partner couples receive almost all the benefits of married couples. As we strive for full marriage rights, it is important that we recognize this milestone showing how far we have come."

Chronology of California's Domestic Partner Law:

1999: AB 26 (Migden), first recognized domestic partners in state law; created the Domestic Partner Registry within the California Secretary of State's office, provided for health benefits for public employees' domestic partners, and hospital visitation.

2001: AB 25 (Migden), added 15 new benefits to the domestic partner law, including provisions for making health care decisions, conservatorship, and step-parent adoption to California's domestic partner statute.

2003: AB 205 (Goldberg), added most incidents of marriage, including community property, to California's domestic partner statute.

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